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In re patent application of:

Masato Nakajima, et al.

Serial No. 09/764,392

Group Art Unit: 2623

Filed: January 19, 2001

Examiner: M. DASTOURI

For: **DOCUMENT MODIFICATION APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office action having a mailing date of October 22, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire January 22, 2004. Thus a petition for a one (1) month extension of time and the appropriate fee are included herewith.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow this application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above captioned application as follows:



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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

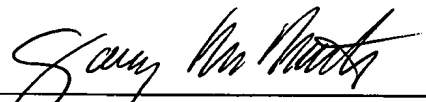
- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response and Amendment;
- (3) Petition for one (1) month extension of time; and
- (4) Check no. 20323 (\$110.00) for one (1) month extension of time fee.

Please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,
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